Council on Developmental Disabilities Council Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, January 24, 2008, 8:30 am – 7:30 pm
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Location: Marriott Spring Hill Suites, 424 Park Center Blvd., Boise		
 Meet in Work Teams: Education/Participant Directed Services Community Living Self Advocacy and Self Determination 	The Council convened at 8:30 am on January 24. Members met in the 3 work teams from 8:30-10:30 am.	
Meet in Committees: - Governance - Membership - Public Policy	The Council members met in their committees from 10:45-12:30 am. (See Committee minutes for details)	
Call to order - Welcome and Introductions - Review of Agenda	James Steed called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Introductions were made. Council Members Present: Angie Flores, Mike Smith, Julie Fodor, Lisa Robbe-Soults, Corrine Johnson, Dona Butler, James Steed, Shiloh Blackburn, Mitch Scoggins, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Jo Garrison, Jane Donnellan, Gioia Frahm, Kim Kane, Alonzo Statham, Bob Jackson, Kristyn Herbert Council Members Absent: Rick Betzer, Debbie DePaola, Bill Elvey Staff Present: Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, Marilyn Sword, Tracy Warren, Samantha Wallace, Amanda Holloway	
 Legislative Slate Review Legislative Priorities Prepare for the Legislative Reception 	The Public Policy Committee gave its report to the Council. The Council reviewed their materials in preparation for the legislative reception.	

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Legislative Reception	The Council members gathered at the
-Crystal Ballroom at the	Crystal Ballroom for the legislative
Hoff Building	reception from 4:30-7:30 pm. There were
	presentations given by Ron Enright, Marilyn
	Sword, Mike Smith, James Steed, John
	Russell (SALN), Julie Fodor, and Jim
	Baugh. The Council members had an
	opportunity to visit with legislators about
	current issues, provide handouts, and give explanations about the various displays.
	Ten legislators attended as well as the
	Secretary of State and representatives from
	the Office of the Governor and Congressmen
	Simpson and Sali.
Call to order	In Chairman Rick Betzer's absence, James
- Welcome and	Steed called the meeting to order at 8:45 am
Introductions	on January 25. Introductions were given
- Review of Agenda	around the table. The agenda was reviewed
	for any changes or additions that needed to be made.
	Council Members Present: Angie Flores,
	Mike Smith, Julie Fodor, Lisa Robbe-Soults,
	Corrine Johnson, Dona Butler, James Steed,
	Shiloh Blackburn, Mitch Scoggins, Toni Belknap-Brinegar, Jo Garrison, Jane
	Donnellan, Gioia Frahm, Kim Kane, Alonzo
	Statham, Bob Jackson, Kristyn Herbert
	<u>Council Members Absent</u> : Rick Betzer, Debbie Depaola, Bill Elvey
	Council Staff Present: Ron Enright,
	Christine Pisani, Marilyn Sword, Tracy
	Warren, Samantha Wallace, Amanda
	Holloway
	<u>Visitors</u> : Fran Symms (Office of
	Congressman Mike Simpson)
Approval of October 25-26,	The minutes from the October 25-26, 2007
2007 Minutes	Council meeting were approved
	unanimously with a motion from Corrine

	Johnson and a second from Lisa Robbe-
	Soults.
Chair's Report	There was no Chair's report due to the
	absence of Rick Betzer.
Debrief from Legislative	Council Members gave feedback on the
Reception	Legislative Reception. There was a general
	consensus that the snow storm that hit at
	the same time as the reception was probably
	a major factor in having fewer legislators attend. Corrine Johnson said she hopes the
	Council will do this again in the future. Kim
	Kane complemented the speakers that
	presented at the reception. Mike Smith
	appreciated having such easy access to the
	legislators at the reception. Julie Fodor
	thought there was a nice mix of people at
	the reception and a lot of networking beyond
	legislators. Bob Jackson reviewed the
	different organizations that were
	represented at the reception. He also
	suggested that a letter be sent to the
	legislators that did not attend the reception
	asking why they did not attend. Marilyn Sword reminded members that the key to
	having their legislators attend was the
	personal invitation from Council members in
	advance. Tracy Warren suggested that if
	legislators were to be sent a letter that they
	also be sent the information that was
	distributed at the reception. Fran Symms
	complemented the displays and the
	explanation that was given for each one.
	Christine Pisani thanked Fran Symms for
	being at the reception and for her support to
	SALN. Marilyn said that the Council would
	probably not have connected with too many
	more legislators had we gone to the temporary capitol. Marilyn expressed that
	the most helpful thing was the Council
	member follow up to the invitations that

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Debrief from Legislative Reception (cont'd)	were sent. She gave examples of Council members who had success with this. Christine thought that it was a really good opportunity for the Council, CDHD, and Co-Ad to get to know each other and to maybe build a bridge for some work in the future.
Committee Reports - Consumer Leadership	Shiloh Blackburn gave the Consumer Leadership Caucus report.
- Governance	Kim Kane gave the Governance Committee report. The committee received 3 reports from conference attendees and recommended not funding participation by Idaho People First members on the Washington People First Board. They also discussed the contract with the CDHD.
- Membership	Jane Donnellan gave the Membership Committee report. The committee reviewed input regarding new member orientation, and discussed upcoming vacancies and recruitment to fill them. Tracy suggested that we add the "Council Member's Responsibilities" information to the website with the application. Mike Smith suggested that the Council call new members before the meeting so that they are not so nervous.
Progress toward Plan Outcomes - Community Living Work Team	Shiloh Blackburn gave the Community Living Work Team report. Ron Enright said that successfully advocating for additional funds for integrated employment during the legislative session will help us meet our performance targets in Outcome 3. He indicated that the APSE Chapter was now in place. Marilyn Sword talked about how the Person Centered Planning Grant would assist the Council in achieving the goal regarding access to information. Marilyn also talked about a proposal by the SILC for Council funding for a transportation project that could help the Council with achieving

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	transportation outcomes. Mike Smith
	expressed concerns about riding on buses without tie downs.
- Education Work Team	Bob Jackson gave the Education Work Team report. Julie Fodor talked about school-wide
	positive behavioral supports. Tracy Warren
	suggested that we look at the outcomes of
	the children that receive diplomas, and
	determine what other types of things they
	need after receiving them.
- Self Advocacy and Self	Christine Pisani gave the Self-
Determination Work	Determination Work Team report.
Team	James Steed shared about the Night Life
	program in Region 6 and the activities they have hosted/participated in. Bob Jackson
	suggested that a good place to find an
	accessible meeting facility, etc. is libraries.
	Christine Pisani reported that SALN has
	held 3 board meetings, and that it is just a
	matter of weeks before they become their
	own chapter. Tracy Warren mentioned the
	upcoming Youth Leadership Forum and discusses the application process, etc.
Financial Report	Amanda Holloway distributed and explained
	the financial report. Bob Jackson moved
	to accept; second by Alonzo Statham.
	Motion carried.
Distribution of 2007	Ron Enright went over the Program
Program Performance	Performance Report for Federal Fiscal year
Report	2007 with the Council. The format used is the one that ADD requires the Council to
	use for submitting the report electronically.
	A more user friendly Annual Report for the
	public will be developed this spring using
	the information from this report.
Judge Rotenberg Center	Marilyn Sword presented the information
	about the Judge Rotenberg Center outside of
	Boston and the aversive techniques that are used at the center. She asked the Council to
	consider what sort of action they might take
	regarding this. Christine Pisani suggested

that this is why we need support for families who feel that they have no place else to go for interventions with their children. She also suggested that the NACDD should write a letter against the center. Mitch Scoggins said that he spent some time researching JRC on the internet and that, as a result, learned a great deal about aversives. There are a range of interventions that could fall into this category and some may not be objectionable. Gioia Frahm talked about restraints, monitoring, etc. of children and that she thinks that sometimes there are not any other alternatives. She suggested you have to have alternatives before you do away with organizations like the JRC. Julie Fodor said that we need to be careful about running down these organizations, and that we need to focus on teaching alternative positive behaviors instead of using such extreme strategies because they are unacceptable in today's society. She suggested that we should cite the evidence that is out there about alternate solutions for these children that are in organizations like the JRC. Tracy pointed out that public money is paying for centers like this. Tracy suggested that a lot of times this is not the last resort because not all of the alternative treatments have been tried. Kim Kane said that what sets this center apart from most is its use of aversives. Toni Belknap-Brinegar pointed out that the literature, etc. regarding this practice is from the 70's and that we should encourage the JRC to use positive behavioral supports. Lisa Robbe-Soults thinks we should take a stand against aversives knowing what we know about the research. James Steed suggested that the Council take a strong stand against the JRC

and also create a position statement regarding the use of aversives. Bob Jackson said the question is when do therapeutic aversives cross into torture or child abuse? Mitch Scoggins suggested that if we put a position statement together we would be joining the many other people taking a stand against these types of institutions and might make a positive change. Gioia said that before you can censure aversives, you have to have some guidelines as to what is acceptable and what is not. Kristyn Herbert recommended that someone from the JRC come and talk to the Council and explain some things. Mitch said that there is more than enough information on the JRC website to get an accurate position and that having someone come and speak to the Council may not be necessary. Kim Kane suggested that staff and the chair begin working on a statement about the Judge Rotenberg Center itself and then separately create a comment about what we know today about the use of positive supports as an alternative.

Discussion continued about a motion for the Council to work on a statement about the use of behavior intervention strategies.

Gioia Frahm made a motion that we request that NACDD use the material that is currently available to develop and publish a guideline for what is or is not acceptable in the use of behavioral intervention or modification. The motion was seconded by Shiloh Blackburn. Motion carried.

Agenda items for next meeting: April 24-25, 2008 at Marriott Spring Hill Suites on Parkcenter Follow up on:

- JRC situation
- Christine Pisani suggests having Steven Snow come and talk to the Council about the closing of ISDB

Future agenda items	- Toni suggested that if we have Steven
	Snow come; we should have someone
	come and talk about the alternative at
	the same time.
	- Legislative report
Meeting Evaluation and	The meeting was adjourned at 12:23pm.
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